

**Master of Arts—Counseling Studies (MAC)  
Advisement/Degree Plan**

(Follow the course sequencing on the reverse side and consult your faculty advisor)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:** *This degree is not a license-eligible degree.* Rather, it is a general studies degree without practical application courses, intended to cultivate knowledge and understanding of research in counseling.

**Directions:** Write the grades you earned on the lines preceding the courses you have completed. Indicate with a “✓” courses in which you are currently enrolled.

**Hours required for graduation: 36-37**

**University, College, and Program Distinctives, Assessments, and Proficiency Courses (1 credit hour)**

|     |          |                                          |     |          |                                          |
|-----|----------|------------------------------------------|-----|----------|------------------------------------------|
| --- | PRFT 055 | Spiritual Formation & Assessment (0 cr.) | --- | GHPE 503 | Grad Health Fitness <sup>2</sup> (1 cr.) |
| --- | PRFT 057 | Mid-Level Assessment (0 cr.)             | --- |          |                                          |
| --- | PRFT 058 | Candidacy-Level Assessment (0 cr.)       | --- |          |                                          |
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**Christian Integration (11 credit hours\*)**

|     |          |                                                                           |     |          |                                                       |
|-----|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| --- | GCSL 528 | Christian Approaches to Counseling (3 cr.)                                | --- | GCSL 571 | Theology of Counseling and Spirit-Empowerment (3 cr.) |
| --- | GCSL 626 | Scripture and Counseling or GBIB 515 Intro to Biblical Literature (3 cr.) | --- | GTHE 510 | Holy Spirit Empowerment (2 cr.)                       |

**Common Core (24 Hours Required, but they must include the following prescribed 12 hours: A theory course (GCSL 643, GCSL 625, GCSL 644; 3 hours), GCSL 630 Counseling Methods (3 hours), GCSL 650 Professional Ethics (3 hours), and an assessment course (GCSL 724, GCSL 732, or GCSL 641; 3 hours); You may select the remaining 4 courses from the following, as long as meeting times do not conflict; see the back of this page for suggested schedule)**

|     |          |                                    |     |          |                                    |
|-----|----------|------------------------------------|-----|----------|------------------------------------|
| --- | GCSL 570 | Religious Diversity in Counseling  | --- | GCSL 650 | Professional Ethics in Counseling  |
| --- | GCSL 624 | Counseling Diverse Populations     | --- | GCSL 670 | Psychopathology                    |
| --- | GCSL 625 | Counseling Theories                | --- | GCSL 676 | Marriage Counseling                |
| --- | GCSL 628 | Crisis, Trauma, & Addictions Cslg  | --- | GCSL 679 | Vocational Guidance                |
| --- | GCSL 630 | Counseling Methods                 | --- | GCSL 681 | Group Dynamics                     |
| --- | GCSL 631 | Addiction in the Family Counseling | --- | GCSL 643 | Marital & Family Systems Theory    |
| --- | GCSL 635 | Human Growth & Development         | --- | GCSL 700 | Spiritual Issues in Counseling     |
| --- | GCSL 637 | Contemporary Family Development    | --- | GCSL 722 | Counseling Across the Life Span    |
| --- | GCSL 640 | Human Sexuality                    | --- | GCSL 740 | Drug & Alcohol Counseling Theories |
| --- | GCSL 642 | Family Therapy                     | --- | GCSL 750 | Pharmacology of Drugs & Abuse      |
| --- | GCSL 643 | Marital & Family Systems Theory    | --- | GCSL 784 | Counseling Research                |
| --- | GCSL 644 | Addiction in the Family Theory     |     |          |                                    |

<sup>1</sup>Prerequisites Required

<sup>2</sup>Students may take undergraduate HPE courses with the GHPE 503 prerequisite. **GHPE 515 or 525** are available for grad students. The same HPE elective may be taken twice.

**Counseling Studies**

Hours needed to graduate: **36-37**

*Suggested semester load **without** prerequisites  
(GBIB 515, GTHE 510<sup>+</sup>, GTHE 518)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

| Course Code/Title                                         | Credit   | Course Code/Title                                        | Credit    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>FALL—First Year</b>                                    |          | <b>SPRING—First Year</b>                                 |           |
| GCSL 528 Christian Approaches to Cslg (R,B <sup>a</sup> ) | 3        | GCSL 630 Counseling Methods (R,B <sup>a</sup> )          | 3         |
| GCSL 643 MFT Systems Theory (R,B <sup>b</sup> )           | 3        | GCSL 628 Crisis, Trauma, & Addctns (R,B <sup>b</sup> )   | 3         |
| GCSL 635 Human Growth & Development (O)                   | 3        | GCSL 650 Professional Ethics in Cnsg (O)                 | 3         |
| PRFT 055 Spiritual Formation & Assessment <sup>+</sup>    | 0        | GHPE 503 Grad Health Fitness <sup>2</sup>                | 1         |
| <b>Total credits this semester</b>                        | <b>9</b> | <b>Total credits this semester</b>                       | <b>10</b> |
| <b>FALL—Second Year</b>                                   |          | <b>SPRING—Second Year</b>                                |           |
| Elective<br>(blended-A<br>Class):                         |          | Elective<br>(blended-A<br>Class):                        |           |
| GCSL 670 Psychopathology (B <sup>a</sup> )                | 3        | GCSL 676 Marriage Counseling (B <sup>a</sup> )           | 3         |
| or                                                        |          | or                                                       |           |
| GCSL 640 Human Sexuality (B <sup>a</sup> )                |          | GCSL 750 Pharmacology of Drugs & Abuse (B <sup>a</sup> ) |           |
| And                                                       |          | and                                                      |           |
| Elective<br>(blended-B<br>Class):                         |          | Elective<br>(Online<br>Class):                           |           |
| GCSL 724 Testing & Assessment I (B <sup>b</sup> )         | 3        | GCSL 571 Theology of Spirit-Empowerment Counseling (O)   | 3         |
| And                                                       |          | and                                                      |           |
| Online Class                                              |          | GCSL 642 Family Therapy (O)                              |           |
| GBIB 515 Intro to Biblical Literature                     | 3        | or                                                       |           |
| PRFT 057 Mid-Level Assessment                             | 0        | GTHE 510 Holy Spirit Empowerment                         | 2         |
| <b>Total credits this semester</b>                        | <b>9</b> | PRFT 058_ Candidacy-Level Assessment                     | 0         |
|                                                           |          | <b>Total Credits this semester</b>                       | <b>9</b>  |

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\* If you need to maintain full-time status in order to be eligible for financial aid and/or academic scholarships, remember that it is defined as 9 credit hours in each of the fall and spring semesters, and 6 credit hours over the summer.

R=Residential; B=Blended; O=Online. These designations are given for aid in scheduling; they are subject to change.  
For Blended, B<sup>a</sup> refers to the earlier weeks in the semester; B<sup>b</sup> refers to the later weeks. Exact weeks vary with the semester.

**NOTE:** Students are ultimately responsible for the courses they take and the order in which they take them. Should students deviate from the proposed plan, they could jeopardize their graduation within the prescribed time limit. **UNDERGRAD COURSES WILL NOT BE CREDITED TO STUDENT'S DEGREE AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AID.** Students are encouraged to consult their faculty advisors.